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21. NEW ALTERNATE HOST RECORD OF LEAF ROLLER,
MARASMIA TRAPEZALIS GN.
(LEPIDOPTERA : PYRALIDAE)

The leaf roller, *Marasmia trapezalis* Gn. has been recorded on maize, Jowar, bajra, ragi, and cane as a minor pest. During the course of field observations, *Marasmia trapezalis* was noticed on Para grass (*Brachiaria mutica* Raddi). To record its incidence, 60 plants growing on bunds, were observed for counting the number of caterpillars and damaged leaves. The larva lives in a folded leaf and strips the upper surface so that the leaf turns white and dries. The average number of caterpillars and damaged leaves per plant was found to be 1 and 3 respectively.

The para grass *Brachiaria mutica*, is a new alternate host of *Marasmia trapezalis*. In combating the pest on main crop it is suggested that bunds should be kept clean to reduce their multiplication.

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